flats in Skippers Bhawan has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) what were the terms of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M, ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In a case filed in Delhi High Court by the Flat buyers against M/s Skipper Tower Pvt. Ltd. Hon'ble Judge of Delhi Court constituted such a committee. The judgement is still awaited. The matter is sub-judice.

Demand and Availability of Houses During Plans

2975. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the demand and availability gap of houses in India at the end of the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans;

(b) what is the role played by the National Housing Bank in advancing loans; and

(c) the amount mobilised by the Bank under the Bank's Valuntary Deposit Schemes during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per projections made by NBO on the basis of 1981 census data, housing shortage in the country as on 1st March, 1985 and 1st March 1990, was estimated to the extent of 26 million and 30.3 million dwelling units respectively.

(b) The NHB which was set up in July, 88 as a subsidiary of RBI, is engaged in the promotion of housing finance system by promoting the establishment of Housing Finance Institutions and augmenting the level of finance to housing sector. It does not provide direct loans to individuals. However, it. provides refinance to scheduled banks, housing finance institutions and State Level Apex: Coop. Housing Finance Societies, according to prescribed guidelines with an emphasis on assistance for smaller houses and loans.

(c) As per information furnished by NHB a total sum of Rs. 152.10 crores was mobilised under this scheme, out of which 40% i.e. Rs. 60.84 crores forms part of NHB Special Fund.

Inadequate Safety Conditions of Flyovers in Delhi

2976. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are inadequate safety conditions of flyovers in Delhi;

(b) whether any fetal accidents have recently taken place because of such conditions; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure safety of the pedestrians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) NDMC/MCD have reported that adequate safety measures are adopted in the design *and* construction of flyovers.

(b) MCD has reported that recently only one fatal accident had occurred on 3rd October, 1992 when one Shri Savinder Singh fell down with one of the pre-cast R.C.C. slabs of the cent; 1 median of Patel Road Flyover near Delhi Milk Scheme, while walking over the slab.

(c) M.C.D. has initiated action to close the central median of flyovers which are having pre-cast slabs by providing cast-in-situ R.C.C. slabs and railings to avoid misuse of the central median *b/* pedestrians and recurrence of sucn incidents. The work has already been completed in two flyovers. NDMC has provided the flyovers with footpaths of adequate width for the safety of pedestrians.